

Tuesday
7th October 1879

The Paragon,
Blackheath, S.E.

My very dear & certainly very
old Friend - It is a very great
effort for me to write at all - but I
will do my best to answer your
welcome & kind letter - I am thank
God wonderfully well - for I am
now far advanced in my 98th year
and ^{and am free from pain} I still read & write & I am very
pleased to learn you are also very well
but I regret to be so much older and am
quite unequal to mixing with visitors

It was in 1814 - not 1815 that we
made the voyage from Holland -

God bless you & yours & grant
you a long continuation of your
present condition. My kindest
regards to yourself & Mr. Colver in

which ~~at~~ my wife most sincerely
joins -

Yours very affectionately
J. M. Simon



